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11. (Confidential - GLC) Captain Ed Bauser, Staff Director, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, called and asked if he could get a briefing this afternoon on the latest information on the naval construction at Nikolayev. Bauser had seen the Beecher article in the New York Times today and this had sparked his renewed interest in the subject he has been following rather closely. He also mentioned interest in any new information on the "Lenin" and any new information on Soviet submarines. I told Bauser it would be difficult to set this up this afternoon, but made arrangements for a briefing tomorrow morning at 11.

12. (Secret - GLC) Met with Bill Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, and brought him up-to-date on a number of current intelligence items. See Memorandum for the Record.

We chatted briefly about the ramifications for the Agency of a debt ceiling along the lines now being discussed in the Congress. Woodruff said if such a ceiling were imposed it could well bring about a cut in the Agency budget. (Later in the day the Senate rejected the ceiling proposed in conference and sent the legislation back to the conference committee.)

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13. (Unclassified - LRH) Anthony L. Mondello, General Counsel, Civil Service Commission, called to say they had an urgent request from Senator Kennedy's Subcommittee on Administrative Practice and Procedure, for the personnel folders on a number of the people who have been named in the Watergate case, including [REDACTED]. Apparently the Commission will be under some compulsion to furnish such personnel folders within their jurisdiction. Mr. Mondello asked me if we were subject to Civil Service rules and regulations under some circumstances. I said we took the general position that we were not subject to any of their rules and regulations although we cooperated with some of their requirements, such as the equal opportunity regulations, but not on the grounds that we are technically subject to them. Mr. Mondello said he understood and asked if we did not have a special exemption under 50 U.S.C.A. 403g. I said this was true. He, therefore, proposes to talk to the Subcommittee staff in connection with [REDACTED] to say that after consulting with me he does not believe he has jurisdiction in that case. This, of course, may well bring a request from the Subcommittee staff directly to us.

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